tury, to be driven to the support of bayonets to save the country!

25th. (To the Directoire.) An officer arrived from Paris day before yesterday; he has let it be known that he left Paris the 12th, and that there was anxiety there as to how I would take the event of the 18th of Fructidor; he was armed with a sort of circular to all the divisional generals of the army.

From this it clearly appears that the Government is acting towards me very much as it acted towards Piche-gru after Vend6miaire. I ask you, *Citoyens Directeurs,* to replace me and to accept my resignation. No power on earth can make me continue to serve the Government after this horrible display of ingratitude, which I was entitled not to expect.

I am also in need of tuning my mind once more to the opinion of the public. I have too long wielded exceptional power. I have always used it for the good of the country, despite what those may think who doubt my rectitude. My reward must lie in my own conscience and the opinion of posterity. Now that the country is pacified and freed from danger, I can leave the post confided to me without any ill effects.

Great events hang by a thread. The able man turns